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Decrease in Livestock Population
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a significant decrease in the livestock population over the years, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether a livestock census has been conducted recently, if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the livestock population in the entire country?

Answer

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) There has been a very small decrease of only about 3.33% in the total Livestock population between Livestock Census- 2007 (529.70 million) and Livestock Census- 2012(512.06 million).

(b) The Livestock Census is conducted once in every five years. The latest Livestock Census has been conducted during the year 2012 in participation with all States and Union Territories. The livestock species namely Cattle, Buffaloes, Sheep, Pigs, Horses & Ponies, Mules, Donkeys, Camels, Mithun and Yak have been included in the Census. Besides livestock, poultry population also covered in the Livestock Census-2012. The key findings in respect of some of the major species of livestock is given below:

i. The Total Livestock population is 512.06 Million in the country.
ii. The total Bovine population including cattle and buffaloes in the country is about 299.98 million contributing 59% of total livestock population.

iii. The Total Cattle population is 190.90 Million with a share of 37.28% of total livestock population.

iv. The Total Buffaloes population is 108.70 Million with a share of 21.23% of total livestock population.

v. The Total Sheep population is 65.06 Million with a share of 12.71% of total livestock population.

vi. The Total Goat population is 135.17 Million with a share of 26.40% of total livestock population.
vii. The Total Pig population is 10.29 Million with a share of 2.01% of total livestock population.

(c) The Central Government support the States through the following major schemes for the promotion of animal husbandry including increasing the livestock population.

i. Livestock Health and Disease Control Programmes.
ii. Rashtriya Gokul Mission.
iii. National Programme for Bovine Breeding.
iv. National Mission on Bovine Breeding (NMBP).
v. National Dairy Plan-I.
vi. Central Cattle Breeding Farms (CCBFs).
vii. Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute (CFSP&TI).
viii. Central Herd Registration Scheme (CHRS).
ix. National Livestock Mission.

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